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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REPORTING ON THE MAY 15-20
NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING IN HAVANA

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1. DURING DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS WITH GOJ MINSTATE
FOR FONAFFAIRS HASAP IBRAHIM, CHARGE ASKED WHETHER MFA HAD
RECEIVED READ-OUT ON NACB MEETING IN HAVANA. IBRAHIM NOTED
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THAT ALTHOUGH GOJ HAD PLANNED TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO KABUL
MEETING, IT HAD DECIDED TO CANCEL THESE PLANS WHEN MEETING
RESCHEDULED FOR HAVANA. CUBAN PRESIDENCY OF NACB, HE SAID,
WOULD ALLOW RADICALS TO HOLD COMPLETE SWAY AND WOULD
MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MODERATE COUNTRIES LIKE JORDAN
TO EXERT ANY INFLUENCE OVER CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.
GOJ HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO DELEGATE ONLY SOMEONE FROM

ITS UN MISSION AS CONFERENCE OBSERVER; IBRAHIM PROMISED TO GIVE US A RUN-DOWN ON NACB ACTION AS SOON AS REPORT RECEIVED.

2. WHEN ASKED HOW HE PREDICTED NAM STATES WOULD HANDLE CUBA AT NACB IN VIEW OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN CONFLICTS, IBRAHIM SAID HE THOUGHT MININFO ABU ODEH'S VIEW (REF B) -- THAT SESSION WOULD POLARIZE BETWEEN "INTERVENTIONISTS" AND PURE "NON-ALIGNED" -- WAS WISHFUL THINKING. IT WOULD TAKE A STATE WITH GOOD RADICAL CREDENTIALS TO ATTEMPT SUCH A DIVISION WITHIN NAM AND, IBRAHIM SIAD, HE COULD THINK OF NONE WHO WOULD BE MOTIVATED TO DO SO -- "NOT EVEN SYRIA". HE COMMENTED THAT CONFERENCES SUCH AS THESE HAVE BECOME CIRCUSES OF RADICAL STATES BICKERING ENDLESSLY OVER MINOR WORD CHANGES IN EVERY RESOLUTION PROPOSED.

3. COMMENT: IBRAHIM'S ANALYSIS STRIKES US AS SUB-STANTIALLY MORE VALID THAN ABU ODEH'S. NACB, UNDER CUBAN PRESIDENCY, WOULD NOT DEPART FROM USUAL NAM SCENARIO TO ENGAGE IN INTERNAL CRITICISM, PARTICULARLY NOT WITH SUBJECT OF CRITICISM SITTING IN CONFERENCE CHAIR. SUDDARTH

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